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## AT REST.

### Clouds of Grief Again Hover Over Barber County Homes.

Annie W. Davis, wife of Jas. N. Davis, died at 9 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, June 4, 1904, aged 55 years, 1 month and 17 days.

Mrs. Davis was not in good health for more than two years. The physicians who attended her are not agreed as to the nature of her disease but as near as can be learned her long sickness was due to stomach and blood derangement.

Impressive funeral services were held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis on Walnut street, on Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m., conducted by Rev. J. J. Griffin, pastor of the Baptist church, and Elder A. O. Walker, pastor of the Christian church. A very large assemblage of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Davis attended with sorrowing hearts to pay a last tribute of respect to this noble and good woman.

The deceased's maiden name was Miss Annie Watson. She was born at Nicholasville, Kentucky, April 17, 1849. She was married Feb. 1, 1864, to James N. Davis in the city of her birth. Mr. and Mrs. Davis came from Kentucky to Medicine Lodge in 1883 and have ever since resided here. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Kitty Gordon, of Nicholasville, Ky., Mrs. Hettie Curd, of Guthrie, Ok., and James Watson, of Lexington, Ky.

If kind words and profound sympathy were a healing balm then surely the grief of the bereaved husband would be allayed, but realize how futile are words in such a time. The ties of affection that exist between husband and wife are sacred and to sever those ties brings great sorrow and mental suffering. But death is a penalty that awaits all, and if we all can say that our lives have been as worthy as that of the departed one, then surely we shall have not lived in vain.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security and carried \$2,000 insurance.

Fay McGarvin, aged seven months, only child of J. C. McGarvin and wife of Aetna township, died on Friday, June 3, 1904. Measles was the cause of death. The funeral was held on Sunday and the little form laid to rest in Lake City cemetery. Another home has been bereft of one of its dearest treasures and only time will heal the wounded hearts. We sympathize very deeply with the parents in the loss they have sustained.

## A MUSICAL UNION.

A new organization to be known as the Medicine Lodge Musical Union was organized last Wednesday night. The official roster and personnel are as follows:

Wright Terrey, manager; secretary and treasurer, C. D. Rackley. Other members, C. W. Kidd, F. T. Elliott, J. H. Knight, F. E. Knight, Percy Knight, Jack Nester.

It is the purpose of the organization to add to its membership. The chorus starts out with only male singers but after they get in good working trim they are going to persuade the ladies to assist them. When Medicine Lodge's musical talent gets to doing business, we won't have to import the Boston Ladies and the Mendelssohns. We'll have just as good talent at home.

D. M. Circle was up from the Kiowa-Hazleton country on Monday to meet with the Board of Equalization.

## RAILROAD SURVEYORS.

As predicted in the Index last week, the North and South surveying crew struck town. The preliminary survey through Barber county extends from the line south of Sawyer down Crooked creek and Elm Creek to Medicine Lodge.

The route from Medicine Lodge has not been made public. It has been stated that it is to go south-east to Alva, or southwest to Kiowa, while others hold that for the present it will terminate here. At any rate, after the line had been run as far as the Santa Fe track, the crew went back to Sawyer to review and perhaps make a few alterations. Further developments are expected daily.

From the dam on Elm, the survey runs down the water ditch grade, and crosses the Santa Fe east of the lake.

The surveying crew is headed by C. W. Gibbs, civil engineer, Norman W. Gefford, of Chicago, who has charge of selecting the route, and A. A. Patterson, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, who is the company's manager.

It is not known whether it is a Santa Fe, a Missouri Pacific or a Rock Island move. We have had tips from different persons and all claim to be "next." If we are to believe all of them, all three of the roads are interested. No matter about that. Let us have the road.

## BIG FLOODS.

Eastern Kansas is undergoing another ordeal this spring on account of the heavy rains. Last week parts of eastern Kansas were under water and the damage was very great. The Cottonwood and Neosho rivers and tributary streams were out of their banks and many of the cities were partially under water. Among the cities reported as having been damaged are Ottawa, Emporia, Newton, Clay Center, Winfield, Iola and Chanute. Much damage is reported in the oil belts. Many plants were entirely washed away and others were badly damaged.

Locally, the rain in some parts of Barber county on Friday was nothing slow and at a few places it amounted to almost a waterspout. Cedar and Bitter creeks west of the city were higher than for twenty years, and south of the Pixley switch the farmers say that the rain simply came in sheets. It was heavy here but nothing compared with the places mentioned. At Deerhead and Sun City considerable damage by hail is also reported.

## LOWTHER EXPELLED AGAIN.

Rev. Granville Lowther was expelled from the Methodist ministry by the general conference at Los Angeles last week. This is his second expulsion. In the spring of 1902 he was expelled by the Southwest Kansas conference but was later re-instated. The expulsion this time by the general conference is said to be final. The general conference in Methodism is the highest tribunal known to the church and its decision is as binding on its members as a decision in law from the United States Supreme Court.

Lowther's offense is socialism. He is the present Socialist candidate for governor of Kansas. His accusers call it heresy.

Rev. Lowther was at one time presiding elder of this district and was idolized by the flock. He was able and even eloquent in the pulpit and a power in the church. But when he ceased to be a republican and became a socialist his popularity began to decline and now he is ostracized.

We are sometimes told that political rings do not dominate the church, but they occasionally do.

## ENDORSE FIVE.

### Business Men's Federation Met in Topeka Last Week and Endorsed Five Democrats for Railroad Commissioner.

Five men were indorsed by the State Federation of Commercial Interests at its meeting in Topeka last week for the position of state railroad commissioner. The five men chosen by the federation are: William Ferguson, Wellington, democrat; C. A. Cooper, Lyons, populist; Frank Chase, Hoyt, populist; David Overmyer, Topeka, Democrat; Lot Ravenscraft, Ashland, populist. All of these men are favorable to the policy of the federation in regard to freight rates and railroad legislation and any two of them which might be chosen by the two parties will be satisfactory to the federation.

This organization is strictly non-partisan and its purpose is to get men on the Board who are not controlled by the railroads. They tried to bring pressure to bear on the republican convention but were ignored. Only one of the three men endorsed before the republican convention, was nominated. He is J. G. Robinson of Hutchinson, a man 75 years of age. With the present members of the Board re-elected—Walker and Wheatley—he would be powerless.

The Federation seems to be going in for business this year and their work will count for something in the campaign. The Democrats of Kansas, we hope, will not ignore them as the republican convention did. The shippers and consumers alike want justice and they are going to have it regardless of party lines.

What Kansas needs is a complete administration which is not under the control of corporations, legislature included, and when the people shall have spoken at the polls next November it will have been demonstrated that they are awake to their interests.

## A. O. U. W. OFFICERS.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 80, A. O. U. W. elected the following officers at their regular meeting last Friday night:

P. M. W.—Henry McCoy.  
M. W.—Wm. Marquand.  
Foreman—A. L. Linton.  
Recorder—C. W. Kidd.  
Financier—B. S. Kauffman.  
Receiver—J. C. Walstad.  
Guide—Ed Grandstaff.  
I. W.—Howard Ball.  
O. W.—Gus Olson.  
Trustee—R. S. Bisby.  
Installation first meeting night in July.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The members of the church, congregation and Sunday school, and all who desire to attend, will please notice the change in the time of holding the Children's Day exercises from Sunday morning to Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The usual preaching service in the morning at the close of Sunday school. You are invited to attend.—Pastor.

During one of the electrical and rainstorms last week lightning struck four of A. A. Marchel's horses in the corral on his farm west of town, but in harmony with the peculiar freaks that lightning sometimes plays, none of them were killed. Three of the horses recovered in a few minutes after they were struck but one of them could not get on its feet for fourteen hours. However, the shock left no bad results. The four horses fell at the same time as though they had been shot. Their knee prints in the mud where they fell were about a half-foot deep.

## TOM KENNEY ANNOUNCES.

Thomas Kenney is the early bird this year in the matter of announcing a candidacy. In last week's "organ" his card announcing his candidacy for sheriff appears with a free editorial puff thrown in. If loyalty to party under all circumstances and weather conditions, if Tom's whoop 'em-up proclivities for the party in season and out of season—if all these things can be construed into recommendations and virtues, then indeed is Mr. Kenney entitled to a nomination. So far, however, Tom has done nothing but aspire. Two years ago he hustled around to get the nomination for this same office and he had a nice little lot of precincts on his string, but on the morning of the convention a grewsome funnel-shaped cloud arose like a phantom and swooped down on his prospects and Tom got into the storm cave just in time to be saved from the awful peril. His name, "in the interest of harmony," was not presented.

The Index has no license to tender Mr. Kenney advice and it would probably be treated contemptuously if it did, but at this stage of the game we beg to merely suggest that it may again happen that harmony will demand that he withdraw again from the race on convention morn.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

The Board of County Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization at the county clerk's office on Monday and met with more than the usual amount of business. There were quite a number of complaints and some irregularities had to be ironed out. The usual difficulty about adopting an equitable basis for land valuations in different portions of the county presented itself. The Board had not completed its labors when the Index was printed.

## THE NORMAL INSTITUTE.

The Normal Institute of Barber county for 1904 will be held in Medicine Lodge, beginning July 5th and ending July 29th. The faculty will be the same as it was last year—Prof. W. M. Massey of Wellington, Prof. W. M. Fisher of Arkansas City and Mrs. Anna M. Hahn of this city. Superintendent Lake will again personally conduct the institute. On account of the fact that the Fourth of July is on Monday this year, it will be observed that Tuesday, the 5th, is the opening day.

A very interesting session is anticipated.

Dr. C. D. Updegraff returned home on Saturday.

SHELLED CORN for sale. See or address J. R. Fair, four miles northwest of Sharon.

Gano & Hoag will pay highest market price for fat hogs delivered at the stock yards next Monday, June 13th.

J. D. Mills and Tom Parr of Mingona township purchased a new J. I. Case threshing outfit through the Chase Hdw. Co. It arrived last week.

The Harper base ball team was again victorious in its game with the Chilcoo Indians on Friday. The score was five to one. This team will play here on the Fourth.

The county attorney and sheriff were called to Kiowa last week on a criminal case which terminated in a mere hot air story. A brief account is clipped from the News-Review.

Miss Minnie Gant returned home from Emporia, where she had been attending the State Normal, last Thursday. She left Emporia just before the bigger portion of the flood arrived.

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S. W. Ireland and wife returned Monday from a visit in Woods county, Oklahoma.

Henry Hanson and Lawrence Stevens departed on Monday evening to attend the State Sunday school convention which is in session at Clay Center this week.

Nick Lorenson, trustee of Aetna township, met with the Board of Equalization this week to straighten out some assessment tangles in his and adjoining townships.

W. H. Watkins is getting out a better paper at Ringwood, Oklahoma than he did at Sharon. His first issue starts out with a good advertising patronage. We hope he will do well.

The Fourth of July is a little less than four weeks distant. The citizens of Barber and adjoining counties should remember that Medicine Lodge is going to furnish entertainment for them on that day.

Dr. Moore was taken very suddenly with serious heart trouble on the street on Monday and was unconscious several minutes. Prompt assistance on the part of a number of bystanders and the services of Dr. Coleman revived him in a short time.

Mrs. W. H. Clemens of Marshalltown, Iowa delivered two interesting lectures at the Christian church on Monday afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was for ladies only and at night the doors were open to the general public, the subject being, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Both lectures are pronounced excellent. Mrs. Clemens is an intimate friend of T. A. McCleary and family who now reside in Des Moines. It was largely through them that dates were made in this city.

Jerome Berryman and wife of Ashland, were the guests of C. Q. Chandler and wife over Sunday.

A social dance will be given at the opera house tomorrow night. Everybody invited.

Secretaries Lewis and Faxon Sundayed at Hutchinson. Mr. Lewis returned on Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Gant will go to Winfield tomorrow to visit a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, who some years ago resided in this city.

The North and South railroad company has applied to the city for a franchise to pass through the city limits and so far as we have been able to learn there will be no opposition to the proposition. The matter will be taken up at the next council meeting.

The Free Methodist camp meetings have been growing in interest very much during the past week and the congregations have been growing gradually from night to night. The quarterly meeting is now in progress and several able preachers are here from a distance, among them being Presiding Elder Higgins.

Dr. Coleman thinks that Missouri rains are small compared with the Kansas product when it gets started. He was on his return from Deerhead when the big downpour struck him in the hills west of town, last Friday. He managed to get his team on the highest point of a hill and stopped to wait till the worst of it was over, and even there the water ran into his buggy. He says a great many people doubt his story but he won't take it back. He would probably doubt it himself if he had not undergone the experience. He is not alone in the statement, however. Other people in that vicinity confirm it.

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